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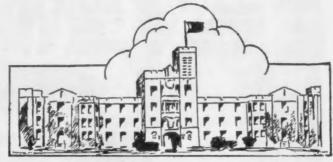
FAR RIGHT: Col. Paul Hoover guides Joe Cheek as he prepares for fencing practice - 1978.

RIGHT: Sgt. Donald Struder checks cadets progress on the rifle range 1976.

BELOW: Roller Rifles - - 1976.

BOTTOM RIGHT: David Strokes winds up for another shot - - 1978.

BOTTOM: Class of 1976.



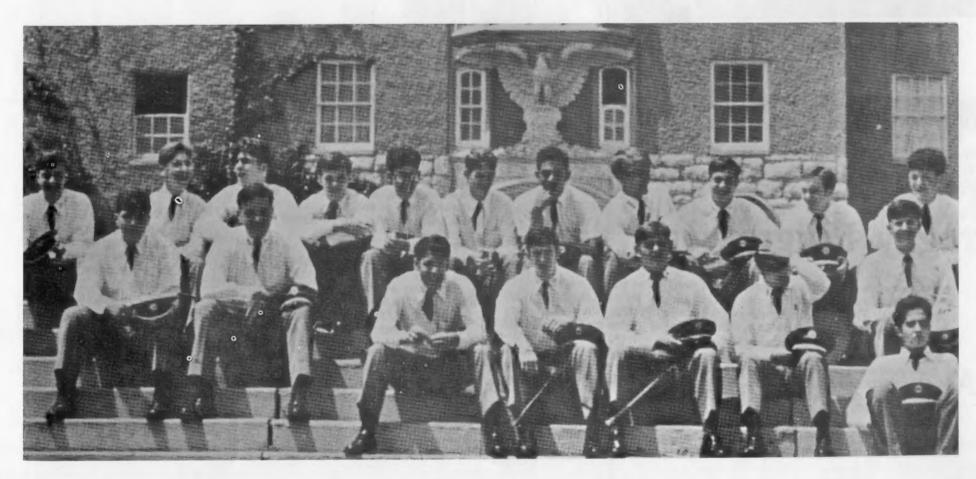
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## A NEW DAY FOR AMA

In the middle of June 1982 I was appointed to the position of General Manager of Augusta Military Academy. I had previously been the Commandant and the Senior Army Instructor.

Upon assuming my new role I realized that a number of changes needed to be made. I believe in honesty being the best policy. I feel that a parent expects to receive what they are paying for.

Having talked with many parents, I feel they are looking for a better education than is provided by the public system. In addition they are looking for the education of their son beyond the classroom. They expect discipline, good manners, honesty and a concern for others to be taught.

This year we have been selective in choosing the cadets that will be allowed to attend AMA. We will not accept a boy referred through the court system, "state boy". We have instituted the honor system and honor court conducted by the cadets.

Academic programs have been restructured and a tutorial period added for those students having difficulty. We have also added an SAT course to prepare students for those exams. A special how-to study course is also offered to assist students in learning better study and test-taking habits. We continue to have our mandatory supervised study hall in the evenings.

Improvements have been made in the barracks and to the classroom areas and additional improvements will continue to be made as money becomes available. Also a movie theater and PX have been added

This year our enrollment is 20 students less than we had planned for. The reason for this was the general economic condition of the country and our policy of not accepting every applicant. It is our plan and our goal to reach 150 next year and be at 200 within two years.

Augusta Military Academy is a nonprofit tax exempt corporation, therefore, any and all donations made to the school are tax deductible. The school does not have any endowments in which to rely on so it must budget carefully the tuition money received from the parents.

I wish to say thank you for the generous support provided by the Alumni Association and the Patrons in the past.

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Maj. Anderson

Major Marcus E. Anderson, USA Ret., was appointed General Manager of Augusta Military Academy, Ft. Defiance, VA, in June 1982. Associated with AMA since February 1981 when he assumed the post of Senior Army Instructor of the ROTC program (a position he continues to hold), Major Anderson also served as Commandant of Cadets from 1981-82.

A 20-year veteran of the U.S. Army, he was commissioned into the Field Artillery through OCS at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Highlights of his military career included tours of duty in Ethiopia, East Africa, Germany, Korea and Viet Nam. Anderson served as an instructor at the Artillery School at Fort Sill, and was Assistant Professor of Military Science at Virginia Military Institute and Blue Ridge Community College from 1975 until his retirement in February 1980. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Airborne School and the Field Artillery Officer Advanced Course, Fort Sill. His military decorations include the Bronze Star, Air Medal, and Army Commendation Medal (fourth award).

Major Anderson has attended a num-(Cont. on Page 5)



Maj. Anderson

#### LEST

#### by Donald Patterson

Veteran's Day was observed on the morning of November 11 by the Corps of Cadets of Augusta Military Academy in solemn ceremonies conducted at the front arch of the Main Barracks. Homage was paid to the memories of those AMA alumni who paid the price of liberty with their lives on the battle fields of four terrible wars.

Col. Charles Savedge delivered the eulogy petitioning the Lord to grant peace, praying that we need never add another name to our bronze plaques of rememberance.

The general manager, Major Marcus E. Anderson, delivered a moving message recalling to memory our fallen alumni. His theme was, "Nothing generates a greater love of peace than having to participate in war." "We, he continued, "who have served do not boast of our accomplishments, neither do we apologize for having served. We know how precious our freedom really is and the price that has been paid to preserve it."

Major Anderson concluded by recognizing the service to the country of sev-

#### WE

eral of the faculty and administrative staff who have served in the armed services: Col. Livick, U. S. Air Force; Col. Savedge, U. S. Navy; Maj. Anderson, U. S. Army; Maj. Eanes, U. S. Navy; Capt. McNeill, U. S. Navy; Capt. Cole, U. S. Navy; Col. Hutton, U. S. Army; 1SGT Studer, U. S. Army; SFC Scott, U. S. Army; Mr. Bryant, U. S. Marine Corps; Mr. Cash, U. S. Army; Mr. Austin, U. S. Army; Mr. Downey, U. S. Army.

To the muffled roll of drums, Capt. Douglas Bowman called The Roll of Honor. As the names of our comrades who fell in battle were called, a cadet of the elite Roller Rifle Drill Team, would smartly reply, "Died on the field of honor Sir!"

Later that afternoon, the Rifles repeated the ceremony, this time in the Harrisonburg Court House Square. The cadets proudly answered The Honor Roll for the fallen heros of Harrisonburg, VA.

In the evening, the entire corps joined several schools and civic organizations in the annual Veteran's Day Parade.

#### **FORGET**



Roller Rifles

#### New PX Opens

by Scott Cole

After many years of catering to the cadets of Augusta Military Academy, the old familiar post exchange has moved to a new location.

Located behind Davis Hall, the old frame building housed the canteen which attempted to satisfy the appetites of many generations of hungry cadets. Now the old building is too small to contain the expanding services demanded by today's space-age cadets.

Mr. Leavel, affectionally known by the cadets as "V.P." had run the PX as a business concession.

The store will no longer be operated as a private business, but will be run

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#### Parents'

#### Weekend '82

by Col. Savedge

FORT DEFIANCE, VA. — Over one hundred and eighty five parents, relatives and friends attended Augusta Military Academy's annual Parents' Weekend which began with a Faculty-Parents reception and buffet dinner at the Holiday Inn, North last Friday evening. Welcoming the guests, Major Marcus E. Anderson, general manager of the academy, noted the changes in physical improvements at the academy over the summer, the change in uniforms and the increased emphasis on the value of the development of each cadet.

Activities began on Saturday morning with parent, teacher, and student conferences after which the Charles S. Roller III Rifles, commanded by Battalion Commander Phil Bentley, conducted an exhibition drill. The annual Parents' Day - Commissioning Parade followed with sponsors of all battalion and company officers pinning the rank of office on the honored cadets. Each officer introduced his sponsor to his fellow officers and then "trooped the line" with his sponsor.

A luncheon was served for all guests of the academy and the afternoon was filled with athletic activity. Augusta's soccer team, with a season record of 10-1 and a tournament record of 1-0, met Eastern Mennonite High School in the tournament championship playoff. A tied 1-1 game necessitated overtime and finally a "kick-off" which ended in a 1-2 defeat for the Blue Streaks, coached by Lt. David Allen.

Prior to the varsity football game, a dog show and demonstration was conducted by the Skyline Kennel Club.

Augusta's Blue Streaks football team met the Sheets Memorial School of North Carolina. Behind 13-6, Augusta rallied to lead 14-13 in the fourth quarter. A late fourth period TD by Sheets Memorial gave them a 20-14 victory

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Old PX

#### **NewCommandant-Headmaster**

by Capt. Barkley



#### Parents' Weekend '82 over AMA.

An informal Halloween dance and reception was held at the academy Saturday evening and a brunch for patrons and cadets on Sunday rounded out the weekend festivities!

#### Co. D Dateline

by Rhonda Stanley

Augusta Military Academy has received the following dispatch from the "Fort" deep inside Indian territory:

AMA's Company D, of Fort Defiance High School, has been very busy since the beginning of the school year.

The sixteen LDI students have been working on Irill and ceremonies. So far they have covered all facing, columns, rear march, counter columns, and flank movements. When they aren't busy marching, they are in the class room being taught by Sgt. Yates from James Madison University, or Cadet Capt. Chris Meek from AMA. So far they have studied battalion organization, the fourteen desirable traits of a leader, the eleven leadership principles, and have presently completed map reading.

The eighteen LD 2, 3, and 4 students have already covered first aid and have briefly discussed Claymore mines and latrine construction. They are currently working on developing a drill team. Practices are beginning this week.

# Alumnus Pedigo

WAVERLY-Henry N. (Hank) Pedigo, 65, died Friday, 14th of May, 1982, while attending a banquet in honor of retiring Athletic Director Hugh Stevens of Randolph-Macon College in Ashland. Pedigo, a former star baseball player at the college, was a native of Vinton and the husband of Louise Sykes Pedigo.

He was an educational specialist at Fort Lee and a graduate of Augusta Military Academy and Randolph-Macon. He served eight years as a clerk in the Virginia State Senate and was a sixyear member of the Waverly Town Council. He was an Air Force veteran of World War II.

He was a past president of the Waverly Ruritan Club, a past master of Astrea Masonic Lodge 246, a past Masonic district deputy grandmaster in Virginia, and a past patron of Waverly Chapter 172, Order of the Eastern Star. He was a member of Waverly United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Holly P. Watson of Disputanta; two sons, Henry N. Pedigo, Jr. of Plantation, Fla., and James L. Pedigo of Waverly; a brother, Lloyd E. Pedigo of Covington; and five grandchildren.

#### **AMA Naval Cadets**

by Brett Jackson

AMA has formed a section of naval cadets in cooperation with the Naval Sea Cadet Corps. The program is for those cadets who anticipate a career in the Navy, either as a man-of-warsman, marine, the United States Coast Guard, or the Merchant Marine Service.

The program offers weekly training sessions aboard the Naval Reserve

Captain William W. Sedr, '73, USAR, was appointed headmaster and commandant of cadets of Augusta Military Academy, Ft. Defiance, Virginia, effective July 1, 1982. Captain Sedr joined the AMA faculty in 1978, and has served the academy as a social studies teacher, department chairman, as a member of the coaching staff, as assistant commandant of cadets, and as director of the summer session.

At VMI, Captain Sedr was a first class private who wore academic stars and graduated with honors in history. A Distinguished Military Graduate, he accepted a reserve commission in the Army and completed his MA degree in history at API&SU. He has pursued further study at the University of Virginia and James Madison University.

#### New PX Opens

by the Academy. The new exchange is larger and better equipped.

New arcade type video games and two billiard tables will be installed, as well as vending snack and drink ma-

Construction is completed now, and the new facility opened after Christmas



New PX Under Construction

#### Fencing Team In 54th Year

The ring of steel upon steel is heard again in Hoover Hall as AMA's fencing team, now in its 54th year, intensifies its efforts in preparation for the forthcoming fencing season.

Since 1938, Col. Paul Hoover has coached the fencers to victory in the majority of their matches. For the last three years the team has been undefeated in all competition and holds every trophy given by the Blue Ridge Fencing Conference. The honors won are: Foil, Epee, Saber and Three Weapon Trophies as well as the special Banner Award for Undefeated Champions.

The teams elan is high and they are determined to defend their record despite the loss of many of their experienced swordsmen. Only three veteran blades remain: Max Corley (foil), Attila Salman (epee) and Pat Beneventi (epee). However, several of the new team members come with experience gained on other squads. Adding their sword arms to the AMA fencers are: Matt Johnson (foil), Chris Campbell (saber), Eike Hagan (saber), Brett Jackson (foil), Frank Davidson (epee) and Steve Zwicker

Two fencing meets are planned for after the Christmas Holidays, one to be held on the campus of Mary Baldwin College, and the other at Washington and Lee University.



#### Capt. Barkley Returns

by Michael Mills

Captain Barkley has returned to Augusta Military Acadmey after a four year absence. This year he divides his time between teaching social studies. running the library, and helping out with the drum corps.

Capt. Barkley is a native of Alabama. He graduated from the University of North Alabama in 1973 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. In 1973, he received his Master's Degree in art from the Citadel. During his brief absence from Augusta, he went to Middle Tennessee State University where he was working on his Doctorate in history.

Of his AMA Library, Capt. Barkley says, "Over the years the collection of books has expanded but not our library space. There are a few hundred books that we are unable to put on the shelves. There is the possibility that the library might expand into the old lounge across the hall. This could become a library annex."

Capt. Barkley plans to make our library a more interesting study center as well as a place to relax over a good

#### **Nurse Canevet**

by Randy Murphy

Mrs. Canevet has been working at A.M.A. for 28 years, and she has loved every minute of it. Mrs. Canevet's general working schedule is anytime day or night, 7 days a week. When I asked her how she puts up with this schedule, she replied, "It gets very tiring, but as I said before, I love the work." Her opinion of the corps is as follows: "This school has turned out a lot of fine cadets, who have gone on to do interesting and important things with their lives." She believes the opportunity is there for those cadets who want to take advantage of it. I think I can speak for the rest of the corps, when I say that we are proud and happy to have Mrs. Mollie Canevet at Augusta Military

#### Hoover On History

AMA HISTORY-Col. Hoover plans to write a history of AMA built around General Roller. Col. Hoover feels that "time is running out . . ." to gather information from the older AMA alumni. "The General was AMA," says Hoover. Anybody having any antedotes or pictures, particularly of the General, please mail them to Col. Hoover, c/o

Training Station in Staunton, Virginia, and a two week training camp at the U. S. Naval Training Station at Orlando, Florida in the summer. Once our cadets have completed their military and professional requirements for E-1, they will be eligible for further training aboard various Naval and Coast Guard vessels and various technical schools.

Participating cadets will be under no obligation to join the sea services



Sea Cadet Color Guard

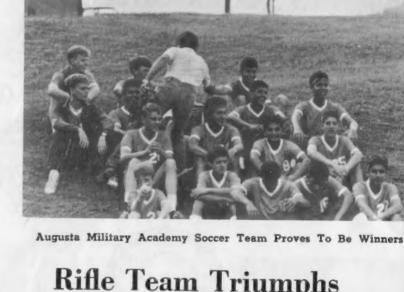
#### **Soccer Team Victorious**

With less than one week of practice, the Streaks started their season off with a bang by beating the local YMCA team 8-4. With the help of the "Paraguayan Connection" and hard work at practice the Streaks began to play like a well oiled machine. Before the team finally "clicked" they suffered their only regular season defeat, at the hands of Lynchburg Christian Academy.

During the rest of the regular season the Streaks powered their opponents usually by 5 or 6 goals per game.

The leading scorer for the year was Julio Brugada from Asuncion, Paraguay, with 35 goals. Julio was also the driving force behind the Streaks attack. With help from Chris Lively, Russ Anderson and Mario Villalba the defense proved too much for most of the Streaks opponents. With the combination of a strong attack and strong defense, the Streaks were able to win the VIC Conference for the first time in the Streaks history. The Streaks also defeated Eastern Mennonite High School, also another "first" for the Streaks and only the 2nd defeat E.M.H.S. has suffered in soccer.

The Streaks made it to the VIC final by beating Lynchburg Christian Academy at home. Unfortunately, after the best game of the year the Streaks lost to EMHS after a shootout in the conference final. All in all, the '82 season was the best in AMA history with a 10 win 1 loss record.



#### Rifle Team Triumphs

The Augusta Military Academy Rifle team blasted its way to a second year as state champions. Coached by Sgt. First Class Don Studer, the "Hawkeyes" finished the season undefeated.

Our championship team was a composite of AMA and Ft. Defiance R.O.T.C. The team members were: Philip Bentley, Robert Steele, E. Ortega, Angelo Greco, and Max Corley from AMA; Lee Ritchie, and Andy Perrier from Ft. De-

Fork Union Military Academy hosted teams from schools of the Blue Ridge Rifle Conference. In addition to AMA, the following military schools were represented: Hargrave, Fishburn, Fork Union, and Randolph-Macon. AMA took both the Undefeated and State Champion trophies.

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#### **New Uniforms**





Left-Cadet Solmon in every day school uniform



Above and far right-Cadet Greco shows the comparison from this year's and last year's uniform

#### Bye-Bye **Band Barracks**

For the third time in the past 25 years, the Band Barracks has suffered a fire. In the summer of 1982, the Band Barracks went up in flames. The fire was successfully put out with no casualties. The cause for the fire is still

In 1958, the Band Barracks suffered its first fire caused by an electrical short circuit. In 1965, a lit cigarette thrown in a waste paper basket caused the barracks to burn for its second time.

In 1924 came the erection of the Cadet Waiters Barracks, also known as the CW Barracks. 1964 was the last year the barracks was used for CW purposes. In 1965, after it was burned for the second time, it became the Band Barracks.

What remained of the barracks was torn down in September putting to rest the CW/Band Barracks of the past. We still have hopes for the erection of a new student activities building on the

#### Editor's Note

by Joe Randall

We hope to make this year at A.M.A. one of the best ever. We have a sharp corp of cadets who have adjusted well and have helped us with an excellent

The teaching staff is well trained to cope with the individual needs of each cadet. They are more than willing to give of their time with any problems we may have.

I hope this year turns out as good as it started, a year to be proud of.

#### Lacrosse 1983

LACROSSE: Col. Hoover to start lacrosse team. There are six experienced players with which to build a team. On defense will be Cash, Johnson and

#### A New Day For AMA

Without this support, many of the improvements would not have been possible. I would also like to encourage your continued support in the future.

Our goal for fund raising this year is \$153,000.00. We have already received a number of \$500 gifts and one of \$25,000. We still have a long way to go in order to reach our goal so please sincerely consider the enclosed brochure.

To me, there is nothing more important than the education of young men.

#### Maj. Anderson

ber of colleges and universities both at home and abroad, and received his B.G. S. degree from James Madison University in 1982. He is active in various civic organizations and community affairs, and is a Past President of the Verona Kiwanis Club.

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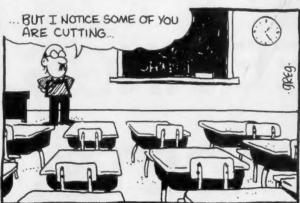


















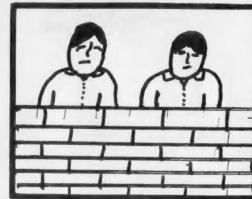




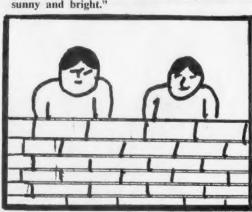


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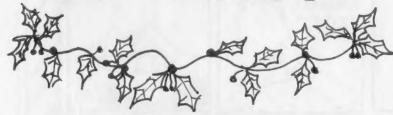




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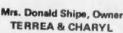
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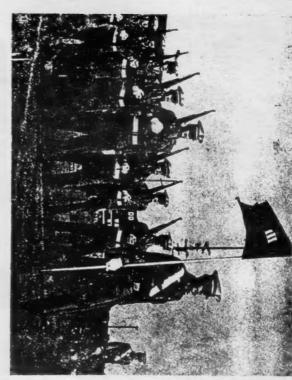
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